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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-8 (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A method for operating a maritime unit comprising a frame structure, at least three legs moveable between a standby position and an extended position, a jack mechanism operative to move the legs between the standby position and the extended position, the method comprising:

actuating each leg of the maritime unit with a brake ~~disk~~ system comprising one or more brake flanges extending in a longitudinal direction of the leg, wherein each brake system is operatively connected to the frame structure and includes at least two brake shoe elements, wherein at least one of the brake shoe elements is movable,

wherein the brake shoe elements act on one brake flange of the brake ~~disk~~ system, and wherein the at least one movable brake shoe element of each leg is operated in the vertical direction by means of a separate jack mechanism such that each leg is moved in a substantially stepless manner.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the brake shoe elements is immobile.

11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the brake shoe